

### **Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings, of claims in the application:

### **Listing of Claims:**

1. (Currently amended) A kit of parts comprising:  
a tubing component having at least two in-line sections with different external diameters;  
and a set of connection means, each connection means ~~having dimensionsed such that it may~~ to be joined to the tubing component at a respective section.
2. (Original) A kit according to Claim 1, wherein each connection means comprises a locking ring.
3. (Currently amended) A kit of parts according to ~~any preceding e~~Claim 1, ~~for use wherein the kit is used~~ in fabricating an air-conditioning system.
4. (Currently amended) A method of connecting a tubing component to a pipe comprising the steps of:  
providing a tubing component with at least two in-line sections with different external diameters;  
selecting a section with a substantially similar diameter to that of the pipe;  
when ~~if~~ the selected section is not at an end of the tubing component, cutting the tubing component in the vicinity of the selected section so that the selected section is at an end of the tubing component;  
providing a set of connection means in a range of sizes;  
selecting a connection means of suitable dimensions for joining to the selected section; and  
joining the selected connection means to the tubing component at the selected section.
5. (Original) A method according to Claim 4, wherein each connection means comprises a locking ring.